



Good Shepherd Charger News

“Anchored in Christ”

Hebrews 6:19-20

Nineteenth Edition
January 15, 2016

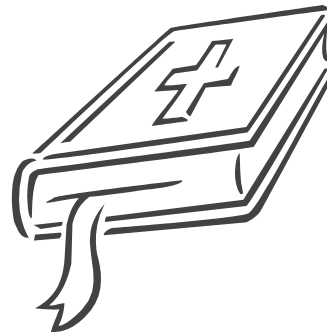
1300 Beltline
Collinsville, IL 62234
618-344-3153

Something to Consider:

The Lord said, “I have loved you with an everlasting love.”
Jeremiah 31:3

If love came with a lifetime guarantee, it would be easier to give and receive. You could risk sharing your heart fully with another. You would never fear rejection. You could trust that the words and actions of anyone who loved you would always be in your best interest.

There is only one love that comes with such a guarantee—and that love lasts even longer than your lifetime. That’s the love of God. Knowing that God’s love for you is unshakable gives you the confidence to be yourself. You are wholly accepted, fully forgiven, and eternally loved. What response does thinking about that truth evoke in your heart?



A Look Ahead

Saturday, January 16

-Boys Pee Wee Basketball
8:00am

Monday, January 18

-NO SCHOOL; Martin
Lutheran King Jr.
Birthday

Tuesday, Jan. 19

-Boys AB Basketball at Zion
Belleville 6:30 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 20

-Boys C Basketball at
Prairietown Tournament
Through Saturday

Thursday January 21

-Chapel 8:20am

-Girls AC Basketball vs.

Bethalto 6:00pm

Charger Headlines:

Prospective Student Open House
Good Shepherd Lutheran School announces that it will hold open houses on Sunday, January 24th, February 21st, and March 13th from 1-3 pm. These events will focus on touring the facility, meeting with the teachers. This would be a great time for families to find out about a Christian education. Invite your friends/neighbors to attend this Open House to help promote the 2016-17 school year.

Box Tops and Labels

The next turn in date for the Box Tops and Labels program is Wednesday, January 27th. Please send the trimmed box tops and labels to your child's homeroom.

National Lutheran Schools Week

We are preparing to celebrate National Lutheran Schools Week with other Lutheran schools across the nation and world on January 24 – 29. Under the theme of Life Together in Christ, we will explore praying together, learning together, reaching out together, serving together and playing together.

Rather than have a school-wide service project this year, we are suggesting that each school family do their own service project during the month of January. This way you can gear the project toward your children's ages and your family's time and interests.

Families will bring a photo/description during NLSW. On Thursday, students will bring an envelope with a paper describing their family's project – anonymously. The envelopes will be put in the offering basket for chapel. We will have a large display board to show the projects – one in main lobby, one in ECC lobby.

The following are just a starting point for suggestions, have fun researching and choosing your family's project.

*Visit a Senior Care Center – contact them about bringing treats, helping with a craft, singing or playing the piano, or just visiting with residents.
*Contact the local Food Pantry and organize a drive in your neighborhood or extended family to make

donations.

*Sponsor a child through World Vision or another child sponsoring organization.

*Shovel a neighbor's sidewalk.

*Write a letter to someone serving in the military or a veteran.

*Check with your Pastor about shut-ins who might appreciate a visit or cheerful card.

*Sort through your clothing and toys and make a donation to Goodwill.

*Each family member think of a person at school or work who might be feeling left out or lonely and show them some special attention.

Immediate Need—Auction Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help make this a great auction. Remember, if you can only do a small amount, that is valuable and needed! Volunteers are needed for acquisitions from businesses. Please contact the school office at 618-344-3153 or stop by to pick up the forms.



Charger Headlines Continues...

Charger Bucks - Scrip

No Scrip orders taken this week due to the holiday. Weekly orders will resume on January 25th; February 1st, 8th, 22nd, & 29th. The green order sheets need to be turned in to the school office by 9:00am on Mondays to be processed that week.

Walk-up sales will be after school on Fridays and will continue on Sunday mornings between services. If you have any questions please contact the school office 344-3153. Tell your family & friends about this program - anyone may participate!

Baskets and Bows Needed

The Auction committee is in need of large baskets/containers, bows, ribbon, and basket filler to be used for the classroom Auction basket items. Please bring what you may have to the school office. Thank you.

Game Pictures Needed

If you have GSLS game pictures, please share them with Mrs. Batty or Mrs. Krause either through email or CD.

Financial Aid

(Scholarship) forms are available on the school website. Students entering Preschool 5-day School Day or 5-day Extended Day programs, Kindergarten-Full Day, and Grades 1 - 8 are eligible for financial aid. Remember, early submission of financial aid applications afford you the best possible opportunity for financial

aid. All applications should be complete prior to April 1, 2016. For questions please contact the school office.

Tardy Slips

Students arriving late to school must have a tardy slip to enter the classroom after the bell has rung. When you sign in your child, the student will be given a tardy slip to take to the teacher. Arriving late due to an appointment, please bring an excuse from the doctor's or dentist's office.

Early Childhood Center Update

On Monday, January 4, KMOX NewsRadio 1120 aired a drive-time interview with our Director, Mrs. Bedard. Highlights included information about our Outdoor Classroom, Indoor Activity Room, and Climbing Wall. Although KMOX hasn't posted the audio online, you can check out their article based on the interview at KMOX's web site. Visit: <http://tinyurl.com/GSECCradio>. Will you please share the brief article with friends, family and neighbors who have 3-6 year olds? Simply click an icon on the left side of the story for FaceBook, Twitter, Email, and others. You can also include a link to our newly redesigned web site: <http://www.GSECC.org>. Please suggest your friends stop by for a tour, or connect with us for more information at 344-3153 or orjbedard@gslcs.org.

Metro-East Lutheran High

Metro-East Lutheran High School is now ac-

cepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. Any new students (freshmen or transfer) interested in seeking enrollment at Lutheran High school please go to the school website at www.melhs.org and download the admission and enrollment packet or contact the school office at 618-656-0043. If you have additional questions, please contact Dr. Jay Krause, Principal, or email him at jay.krause@melhs.org.

MELHS Shadow Day

Metro-East Lutheran High School invites you to come and "Shadow" for a day and see what a day is like in the "life of a Knight." Prospective students are encouraged to shadow one of our current students and spend the day in classrooms, chapel, lunch, and visiting with students, faculty and staff, and become familiar with the daily ministry of Lutheran High. Interested students should contact the school office at 618-656-0043.

MELHS Basketball Games

Come and check out one of the remaining boys and girls Metro-East Lutheran High School Knight basketball games in January or February. The Lady Knights are fresh off of an excellent showing at the Calvary Lutheran Classic in Jefferson City and the boys varsity team is ranked #5 in the state of Illinois. Let them know at the gate that you are a prospective student coming to support the Knights!

In Our Prayers this Week:

Each week this school year, the faculty will be praying for the school families. Please remem-

ber these and others in your prayers.

The families of: Evan K., Jacob K., Savannah L.,

Matthew O., Drake P., Haelee P., and Anastasia P.

Auction Up-dates

SAVE THE DATE

Good Shepherd Lutheran School will be having its Annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, March 12th. This year we will bring back the auction to Good Shepherd. Come and enjoy the evening while supporting "quality Christian education" for students in Preschool - Grade 8. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the school office.

Shopping for Auctions Donations

When out shopping, please keep the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Benefit Auction in mind. Many of those deals would make great

auction donations.

Auction Donations

Yes! YOU can get involved by donating an item or service or attending the Good Shepherd Lutheran School Auction. Help is needed acquiring donations from businesses.

Everyone should be given the opportunity to contribute to this annual fundraiser. Your individual participation is needed for this event to succeed! Please participate for our students!

Homeroom Basket Themes

3 Yr. Old Preschool Arts & Crafts for Kids
4 Yr. Old Preschool We Love Our Pets

Kindergarten	Sweet Tooth
1st Grade	Boys Will Be Boys & Sugar and Spice
2nd Grade	Spending the Day with Grandpa and Grandma
3rd Grade	In the Garden
4th Grade	Summer Time Fun
5th Grade	Mr. & Mrs. Fix-It
6th Grade	Family Fun Night
Mr. Rinker's Homeroom	Breakfast in Bed
Mr. Voss' Homeroom	Home Office
Ms. Combs' Homerooms	Games & Puzzles

The purpose of Good Shepherd Lutheran School is to provide each student with a quality Christian Education. We recognize that this begins with the premise that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and in Him we have eternal life. The curriculum and all activities are developed around this premise.

2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll with Distinction

8th Grade: Daniel B., Elise H., Nick H., Will O., Elizabeth S.

7th Grade: Sophia B., Hannah R., Gabe S., Justin W.

High Honor Roll

8th Grade: Thomas B., Jacob B., Alex C., Lauren F., Reagan G., Scott H., Gabrielle J., Max L., Henry L., Colleen L., Hunter L., Mark M., Jeremy O., Hannah S., Macie S.

7th Grade: Evan B., Jared C., Millie C., Kyla E., Olivia G., Christopher H., Faith M., Ryan P., Sidney P., Molly S.

6th Grade: Autumn D., Matthew H., Megan H., Khushi J., Alice K., Eli L., Claire L., Trevor P., MaryAnn R., Anna R., Trinity S., Garrett S., Maggie S., Sydney S., Jenae W.

5th Grade: Jacob B., Lillie C., Eli G., Jordan G., Ellie M., Katie M., Jacob M., Timothy P., Nick S., Sam S., Isabella S., Gavin T., Jake W., Kanalu W.

Honor Roll

8th Grade: Maddy B., Cierrah E., Taylor H., Morgan J., Elke S., Brady S., Caleb T., Anna W.

7th Grade: Noah C., Tyler K., Martin L., Will M., London R., Eli W., Connor Z.

6th Grade: Cameron B., Emma B., Kyle C., Carson C., Declan G., Ella W.

5th Grade: Joseph C., Abbey G., Marlaina G., Riquerah G., Kinley H., Tyler H., Ashleigh J., Blake M., Sophie T.

Retreads...

Thank You All for the Many Gifts

"Thank You" from the school office for the many gracious gifts, goodies, and cards that were received. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated!

Re-Enrollment

This week families received an email for re-enrollment through TADS for the 2016-2017 school year. We urge you to please register NOW! The pre-registration fee for: Kdg.—8th grade is \$220 Pre-School is \$100.00. Please note that for families re-enrolling in the month of January ONLY, the pre-registration fees can be split into 2 or 4 monthly payments. We encourage all families to re-enroll NOW to secure their student's priority status, as we did have a waiting list for the 2015-2016 school year. It is important to note that enrollment must be complete, non-refundable registration fee paid in full to secure your student's priority status for classroom placement.

Early Childhood Center

This past Monday, January 4, KMOX NewsRadio 1120 aired a drive-time interview with our Director, Mrs. Bedard. Highlights included how young children learn best through play, and how we leverage this fact to teach them in our all

new building. Although KMOX hasn't posted the audio online, check out their article based on the interview at KMOX's website. Here's the link: <http://tinyurl.com/GSECCradio>. You can easily share this article with friends, family and neighbors who have 3-6 year olds. Simply click an icon on the left side of the story for FaceBook, Twitter, Email, and others. And parents of young children don't have to wait for the new school year to enroll. As soon as their child turns three years old and can use the restroom he or she can join our program. Please let your friends know they can connect with us at 344-3153 or jbedard@gsllcs.org.

JOIN US FOR A BLAST!!!

Please watch for information on our spring fundraiser "Chocolate Blast" which will be sent home on Monday, January 11th! You will receive a sign up sheet that MUST be returned to the office. We are planning to BLAST the roof off our previous sales by offering a high quality chocolate bar from Worlds Finest Chocolate and offering AMAZING prizes to our top sellers! We look forward to all our families participating in this fundraiser. The Blast begins on Mon., Jan. 25th and

ends Mon., Feb. 8th.

Box Tops and Labels

The winning classes for the Box Top and Label Program contest for the month of December are Mrs. Rincker (2-1) and Ms. Combs (JH). Mrs. Rincker's students collected 431 box tops and labels with an average of 17 per student and Ms. Combs' students collected 399 labels with an average of 17 per student.

Life Sunday Is January 17, 2016

Join Us To Celebrate Life. We will be having a dinner and program that afternoon starting at 12 noon with a meal. Meat and rolls will be provided. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish or two to share. Reserve your spot by January 10, please. Sign-up sheets for the event will be in the church narthex, school office and in Bible studies. There will be a program for children after the meal. They will learn about the value of life through crafts, an educational game, and active play. All school-age children are welcome to participate. Nursery service will be available for younger children under the age of 2. At 1:00 p.m. the speakers will begin with a special presentation by Dr. Jeff and Renee Gibbs. They are from St. Louis. Jeff is a professor of New Testa-

ment at Concordia Seminary. Renee is a sought after conference speaker for Christian women, and a member of the Board of Directors for Lutherans for Life. Together they are the advisors for the Concordia Seminary Life Team, a very active student group that affirms life in all of its beauty in a Gospel-centered way. The Gibbs' have 4 grown children and 12 grandchildren. In their program they will offer encouragement and wisdom guided by the theme, "Created, Redeemed, and Called: Living out the Beauty of Life and Teaching It to Our Children." As believers in the Triune God, we have so much truth and beauty to know and to share about God's gift of life. Come and be encouraged in that truth and beauty. We are also gathering items such as diapers, personal care samples, wipes, body lotion for adults, child thermometers, etc. There will be boxes in the narthex and the school.

Team Up With Teachers

Partnership is essential in educating children. It's not easy to hear bad news from teachers, such as "Your child is misbehaving in class". But, try to keep a positive attitude. Ask for specifics. The problem may not be too serious. With team work, your family and the teacher can probably solve it.

Teddy Bear and Stuffed Animal Toy Drive

Get involved in the 'Spirit of Giving' by donating gently used stuffed animals to be used by a wonderful non-profit organization that gives children in need stuffed animals in crisis situations. We will collect, clean and repair any stuffed animals prior to donation. It's a great time right after the holidays to purge unused toys. It also recycles stuffed animals that are in wonderful condition.

Starting Mon., January 11 – Sun., Jan. 24, there will be a collection box located in the school lobby, preschool lobby and in adjoining hallway from church.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth at lizsauer@att.net or call 618-345-4997. Elizabeth is an 8th Grader at GSLS and is working hard to help children in need!

For more information on SAFE: <http://www.stuffedanimalsforemergencies.org/>